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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 01 September 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.


b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.


BRIAN NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leonard P. Diana on 2/7/06.

2. Please delete the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE filed on 9/1/05, under 37 CFR 1.312 and replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

A communication apparatus is provided that includes a first coding unit for creating first coded data including an audio signal coded by a first audio coding method, a second coding unit for creating second coded data including an audio signal coded by a second audio coding method that is different from the first audio coding method, a control unit for switchably selecting at least one of the first coded data created by the first audio coding method and the second coded data created by the second audio coding method, and a sending unit for sending at least one of the first coded data and the second coded data to another communication apparatus. The sending unit sends the first coded data and the second coded data when the control unit switches selection from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding method while the communication apparatus is in communication with the other communication apparatus. The control unit does not select the second coded data until a predetermined time has passed since the second coding unit starts creating the second coded data.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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